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Train drivers at Avanti West Coast will see their fee for an overtime shift increase to £600 following a deal between the company and union Aslef.

An article on the BBC website says Avanti said it hoped offering more attractive terms to its drivers to work extra shifts would make its services “more reliable and resilient”.

The new rest day working agreement, up from £125, is in addition to a driver’s salary.

The deal will come into force on 29 March, remaining in place for 12 months, the BBC has been told.

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Passengers are facing two weeks of delays after a train derailed.

An article on the BBC website says a Northern train travelling towards Barrow, in Cumbria, came off the tracks at 06:00 GMT on 22 March, near Grange-over-Sands.

The derailment led to four passengers and four members of staff being evacuated from the train.

Network Rail said the route would be closed for about two weeks while an investigation, train recovery and repair work were carried out.

They added that a void in the ground had opened up about 150m away from the derailed train.

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A train operating company has expanded its app which helps blind and visually impaired people navigate railway stations to three more stations in Sussex.

An article on the BBC website says Govia Thameslink Railway (GTR) said its Aira app would now be available to use at Chichester, Haywards Heath and Eastbourne.

It works by enabling blind and partially sighted customers to make a video call with a trained advisor who looks through the customer's smartphone camera to guide them around the station on speakerphone.

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It's more than 400 miles from LNER's current home in York, but an LNER train has been unearthed by archaeologists in Antwerp in Belgium.

The modern-day operator of trains on the East Coast Mainline has been in touch with the team who dug up the wagon to try and find out more about the curious discovery.

It appears that the find is a wooden removals truck, used to carry people's belongings when they moved house. It's thought to be almost a hundred years old.

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